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## Yard Sign Campaign Urges Water Conservation During Hot Summer Months

Austin, TX – Despite spring rains, Central Texas water supplies have not yet recovered from the record drought. As we enter the hottest months of summer, a coalition of Central Texas water providers, municipalities and water conservation groups urges residents to continue to use water wisely by distributing “This yard is helping to conserve our water supply” signs.

“Water conservation must remain a priority in Central Texas this summer. If you are doing your part to reduce water use and protect our shared water supply, let others know by placing a sign in your yard,” said **Jan Klein, City of San Marcos Public Service**.

The signs are free and available at seven locations in central and south Austin, Round Rock, Pflugerville, San Marcos and Bastrop.



“Lawn and landscape irrigation is one of the largest uses of water in our region. One of the easiest ways to protect our water supply for both people and the environment is to reduce outdoor watering” said **Jennifer Walker, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club**.

“Overwatering in the summer is a common occurrence. Everyone should learn how much water their landscape requires. This yard sign is a great way to show you understand the need to conserve water,” said **Chuck Kellogg, Aqua Water Supply Corporation in Bastrop**.



To protect our water supplies during dry times, most water providers have implemented outdoor watering restrictions based on lake or aquifer levels. Visit [www.WaterIQ.org](http://www.WaterIQ.org) for local restrictions.

“By watering your lawn less and taking other steps to reduce your water use both indoors and outdoors, you not only safeguard our limited water supply, but also lower your water bill. It’s a win-win for our lakes and aquifers and your wallet,” said **Joanna Wolaver, National Wildlife Federation**.

“This campaign is a project of the Central Texas Water Efficiency Network. This coalition of water suppliers, municipalities and water conservation groups work together to promote water efficiency education, technologies, and other efforts that regionally impact water supplies and use,” said **Jessica Woods, City of Round Rock Public Works and Network coordinator**.

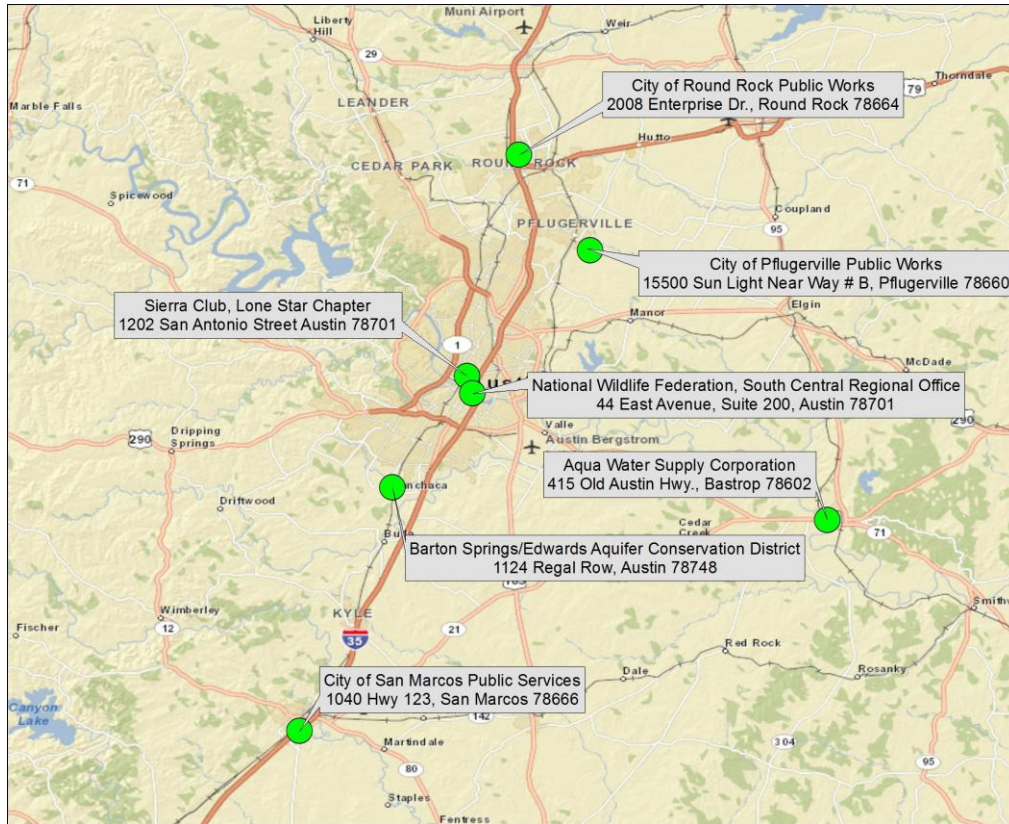
“From May to September, we see water use peak largely because of outdoor irrigation. By consciously limiting outdoor water use this summer, residents and business owners can help protect and extend our shared water resources,” said **Robin Gary, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**.

“We are proud to partner with the Network to educate our customers about the importance of water conservation,” said **Darrell Winslett, City of Pflugerville Public Works Department**.

See the next page for a list of pick up location or visit [www.texaswater.org/ctwen/index.html/](http://www.texaswater.org/ctwen/index.html/).

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# Yard Sign Pick-Up Locations



## **Aqua Water Supply Corporation**

Contact: Chuck Kellogg, 512-303-3943  
Pick-up Location: 415 Old Austin Hwy., Bastrop 78602  
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 M-F – Please call for special pick-up arrangements if needed.

## **Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**

Contact: Robin Gary, 512-282-8441  
Pick-up Location: 1124 Regal Row, Austin 78748  
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 M-F – Please call for special pick-up arrangements if needed.

## **City of Pflugerville, Public Works Office**

Contact: Darrell Winslett or Patricia Rinehart, 512-251-9935  
Pick-up Location: 15500 Sun Light Near Way # B, Pflugerville 78660  
Hours: 8:00 – 5:00 M-F

## **City of Round Rock Public Works**

Contact: Jessica Woods, 512-671-2872  
Pick-up Location: Public Works Building, 2008 Enterprise Dr., Round Rock 78664  
Hours: 8:00 - 4:30 M-F – Please call for special pick-up arrangements if needed.

## **City of San Marcos Public Services**

Contact: Jan Klein, 512-393-8310  
Pick-up Location: 1040 Hwy 123, San Marcos 78666  
Hours: 8:00 - 5:00 M-F – Please call for special pick-up arrangements if needed.

## **National Wildlife Federation, South Central Regional Office**

Contact: Shell Rumohr, 512-610-7750 or Joanna Wolaver 512-565-0812  
Pick-up Location: 44 East Avenue, Suite 200, Austin 78701  
Hours: 9:30 – 4:30 M-F – Please contact Shell or Joanna to schedule a pick-up time.

## **Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter**

Contacts: Jerome Collins or Jennifer Walker 512-477-1729  
Pick-up Location: 1202 San Antonio Street Austin 78701  
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 M-F – Please call for special pick-up arrangements if needed.